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Connor "Exposes" CIA

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Mr. Sydney Connor, English professor at M. J. C. and onetime assistant director of the Central Intelligence Agency was the guest speaker at the lecture held last Tuesday at Takoma Park. The topic of the lecture, which took place in room 100 of the Science building, was, "The C.I.A. When is Intelligence Intelligent?"

It was a straightforward talk that began with the definition of intelligence as the gathering of information based on the careful process of research. Mr. Connor stated that once the information is evaluated and proven true it may, if urgent, be sent to the White House to be used as a source of advice for top executive decision making. He defended the C.I.A. when he mentioned that people who receive the intelligence information may not wish to use it. As an example a reference was made to the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

The information that is obtained by the C.I.A. is gained by reading literature of countries, inter-

viewing defectors, and listening to radio broadcasts. After the data is assembled and studied predictions are made by deductive reasoning as to the future behavior pattern of that country.

"The big house across the river is an outfit of devoted specialists, many of whom have a Ph.D. degree." The C.I.A. is not perfect. Jokingly Mr. Connor remarked, "The nice thing about being a secret organization is that if a mistake is made it can be marked top secret, put into a drawer and no one will ever know the difference."

For those who are interested in gaining a little deeper insight to the problems that exist in the spy business, Mr. Connor recommends the book, "The Spy Who Came In From the Cold."

Another important point made by Mr. Connor is that, "The intelligence game serves as an aid to war, or a substitute for war. The eternal vigilance involved is the price of peace."